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**DEDICATION**

To my son, David Jr.
Whom I love deeply,
Though our paths have diverged.
This book is written not to condemn,
But to bear faithful witness to the truth
—in hope, not in bitterness—
that the grace of God in Christ Jesus
may yet reconcile what sin has broken.

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."
— Proverbs 27:6 (KJV)

Epigraph (Opening Quote)

"Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?"
— Galatians 4:16 (KJV)

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What happens when love for a son collides with loyalty to the Word of God? In this deeply personal and uncompromising account, David Clarke lays bare the painful divide that opened between father and son over issues of morality, faith, and truth. When David Jr. embraced a lifestyle his father could not affirm, a spiritual and emotional conflict arose that would test the limits of love, conviction, and courage.

Refusing to bow to the pressures of cultural compromise, David Sr. stands firmly on the authority of the Bible—upholding the timeless truths of Scripture while wrestling with the heartbreak of family division. Drawing from over fifty years of Christian faith, pastoral experience, and personal transformation, David presents a bold, compassionate call to truth in an age of confusion.

This book is not only the story of a father and son—it is the story of every believer facing the cost of standing for righteousness in a world turned upside down.

A testimony of grace. A warning to the church. A plea for truth.

*"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."*
— Matthew 10:22 (KJV)

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

David Clarke was born in Oldham, Lancashire, in 1949 and raised in the post-war years of working-class England. Once deeply entrenched in a life of crime, rebellion, and spiritual darkness, David experienced a life-altering conversion to Jesus Christ on the 16th of January, 1970, following a terrifying LSD trip. Alone in his room and desperate for truth, he called upon the name of the Lord—and from that moment, his life was never the same.

Over the past five decades, David has devoted himself to proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through personal witness, theological writing, and practical discipleship. He has ministered in churches, prisons, and through published works that confront error, defend biblical truth, and give hope to the lost. His writings are uncompromising in their commitment to Scripture, drawing heavily from the King James Bible, and shaped by real-life experience and careful study.

David is the author of *Converted on LSD Trip*, *Let Christian Men Be Men*, *Eldership Is Male: Alternatively Only A Woman Can Be Pregnant*, *Acts 29:*

*Baptism, Practice and Meaning,* and many other works exploring Christian doctrine, personal transformation, and the spiritual challenges of modern society. He has also republished classic theological works to make them accessible for a new generation.

In all his writings, David's aim is simple yet profound: to glorify God, uphold the truth of Scripture, and testify that Jesus Christ still saves, delivers, and transforms lives today. His life story stands as a compelling witness to the grace of God—a testimony that no one is beyond redemption.

David now lives in the south of England, continuing to write, teach, and share the gospel with the same fire that first stirred in his heart over fifty years ago.

## INTRODUCTION

The Bible, in its plainest sense, speaks with great clarity on matters of morality. It doesn't stop at lying, stealing, or adultery. It addresses subjects such as homosexuality and, in more recent years, same-sex marriage.

Now I write not from theory, but from lived experience. Having turned from a life steeped in crime and immorality over fifty years ago, I discovered these truths through the reading of Scripture. It was the Word of God that taught me the difference between right and wrong, and shaped the convictions I hold today.

In 1999, I found myself disturbed by the direction of a church I was part of. The elders were proposing to appoint women as church leaders—something that, according to the Scriptures, I knew to be unbiblical. When I raised my concerns, I was quickly silenced, told to speak no more on the matter. That refusal to address biblical truth compelled me to write the book *Eldership Is Male: Only a Woman Can Be Pregnant*.

The Word of God sets forth clear distinctions between male and female, not just in biology but in church roles too. Confusing the two has led to all sorts of chaos in our society.

"Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence."— 1 Timothy 2:11-12 (KJV)

"If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not

accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God..."— Titus 1:6-7 (KJV)

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind..."— 1 Corinthians 6:9 (KJV)

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."— Genesis 1:27 (KJV)

These are not mere sentiments or cultural hangovers—they are the inspired words of Scripture.

In my estimation, the departure of Christians from biblical order has opened the door to what many now call "wokeism," and with it, confusion on matters of identity, morality, and family.

**A CASE STUDY**

This book is deeply personal. It deals with my son, David Jr., and the sharp division that arose between us due to his homosexuality. I have six children. David Jr., my youngest, came out as gay when he was just fourteen. He is now in his forties and wishes to marry his male partner.

For a number of years, David found it difficult to relate to his mother and sisters and often told me he hated women. At one stage, I was the only one he confided in. But even that relationship broke down eventually, and he cut me off altogether.

My intention in this book is to lay out the facts—David's behaviour, his choices, and my response to both—with clarity and honesty. I don't speak to cause offence, but to bear witness to what I believe to be the truth, rooted in the Scriptures.

**FAMILY GATHERING IN DUBAI**

Shortly before the COVID lockdowns, some of our family gathered in Dubai. There, I gave a talk to explain the situation and my convictions. The matter of David's sexuality had become a recurring issue in our family, and sadly, it

had crept into other branches of our wider family as well.

It continues to cause pain and confusion, particularly among the women. Some avoid the issue out of discomfort. Others appear to accept David's lifestyle without fully appreciating its spiritual implications.

So here I attempt to explain what I believe, why I believe it, and how I've sought to navigate this most difficult of paths. I do so with a desire for peace, but not at the expense of truth.

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## CHAPTER 1: David's Past Behaviour

Addressing my family in Dubai, I said this:

First and foremost, I find David's behaviour towards his mother unacceptable. His quarrels with Esther and his manner towards Elly were also uncalled for.

It grieves me to say it, but David's personal struggles do not remain his alone—they affect us all. As a family, we must respond with wisdom and love, even when it's hard.

### Love Covers a Multitude

The Scriptures say that love "shall cover the multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). David would do well to grasp this and learn how to love his family—his mother, sisters, and kin—without bitterness or spite.

### David's Sexuality

As for David's sexuality, I make no apologies for standing where Scripture stands. I responded to him with truth, as best as I understood it. He didn't take kindly to my reply and has since severed communication. That, I regret, but it is his decision.

## CHAPTER 2: A Brief History – Christmas 2018

In 2018, David visited Dolores, Maisie, and me at Hayling Close. It was Christmas, and he came with a generous spirit. He offered to cook dinner, and Maisie lent a hand in the kitchen. We filmed the occasion and sent the video to Elly and the rest of the family in Dubai. For a short time, things felt warm and united.

But the following year, in 2019, things changed. A comment David left on my Facebook wall led to a sharp disagreement, and after that, we heard nothing more from him.

### The Question That Sparked Silence

David had asked a pointed question: did I, his father, view his homosexuality as akin to paedophilia? A harsh question indeed, but one that seemed rooted

in a conversation we'd had earlier that year.

**The Fisherman's Rest**

In early 2019, I invited David to join a gathering at The Fisherman's Rest in Fareham. The others present were friends from Hill Park Baptist Church. David, realising these weren't my theatre friends, asked who they were. When I explained, he declared openly, "I'm gay."

That sparked a discussion. Someone remarked that same-sex marriage was unbiblical and suggested, perhaps rashly, that legalising paedophilia or bestiality could follow. David took part in the conversation, and while the remarks were strong, I thought the evening was worthwhile. Conversion was also discussed and met with interest.

**Facebook Fallout**

Not long after, David posted the aforementioned question on Facebook. This was shortly before Christmas 2019. I responded, explaining my views from Scripture. Since then, David has not spoken to us.

I can only surmise that this was the reason he chose not to join us that Christmas. It was a sorrowful silence, and yet another turn in this painful chapter.

**CHAPTER 3: David's History**

David first spoke to me about his sexuality when he was just fourteen. By coincidence, it was during a conversation at The Fisherman's Rest—the same place we later returned to years down the line.

Even then, he already knew where I stood. I explained as gently as I could that I believed homosexuality to be contrary to God's Word. Though we disagreed, I did my best to avoid letting it become a wedge between us. For the next two decades, we mostly left the matter alone. Still, I believe my answer at the time left him wounded.

Later in life, when discussing family matters, I mentioned his Uncle Michael. Years earlier, Michael had received a 16-year prison sentence in the Philippines, where laws on age and consent differ greatly from our own in

the UK.

The charge came under Republic Act 7610, which classifies anyone under eighteen as a child, regardless of local customs or consent. Although Michael had been involved with people who would have been considered adults by UK standards, under Philippine law, he was found guilty.

That conviction weighed heavily on us all. Michael died in prison. The incident also forced me to reflect on my own teenage years. At sixteen, I had relations with girls younger than the legal age of consent. By today's UK standards, that would be deemed unlawful and by law peadophilia.

I don't recount this to excuse myself or others, but to show how society's legal standards evolve over time, while God's moral law remains unchanged. My own story is one of deep failure, followed by repentance and grace. That grace transformed me, and I believe it's available to all.

What I'm trying to say is this: these aren't academic questions for me. They're personal. And because I've known both moral darkness and divine mercy, I take these matters to heart in a way only lived experience can teach.

**CHAPTER 4: Child Abuse – Isaac and Esther, 1984**

As many of you know, I turned to Christ many years ago, leaving behind a life of crime to follow the Lord. But it hasn't always been plain sailing. Like many believers, I've faced my fair share of trials and stumbles. There was even a period when I withdrew from church fellowship altogether, out of conscience beliving it was the right thing to do.

One of the most painful chapters of my life took place while we were living in Aylesbury. A man named Ken Knight did something I found deeply troubling. He exposed Isaac and Esther—then just five and three years old—to inappropriate material via a computer in his garden shed. To my mind, it was a form of child abuse.

I went straight to the police and reported what had happened. But due to lack of supporting evidence and the inability to take formal testimony from such young children, they were unable to pursue the matter further. It was a bitter pill to swallow, but there was nothing more they could do.

I then informed Ken's family and made it known to the churches he attended. This situation taught me the importance of spiritual oversight within local churches, especially in guarding the Lord's Table. Ken had attended churches that practised open communion, which in my view lacked the necessary caution and biblical discipline.

Some fellow believers thought I was being too harsh—perhaps too angry. They suggested I should show more forgiveness. I understood their sentiment, but in this case, I believed that the truth needed to be spoken, and the vulnerable protected.

Years passed. In fact, twenty-one years went by before I saw Ken Knight again. It was in 2005, at Uncle Michael's funeral at Bierton Chapel. All of you were there: Isaac, Esther, Elly, Dolores, Auntie Margaret, Chris, David and his partner Andy, James Gold, Joanne, and Joshua.

I managed to speak with Ken privately. He admitted wrongdoing and said he had sought forgiveness from God. Isaac now 25, however, was visibly shaken. He told Ken bluntly that he didn't want him anywhere near and warned him to stay away.

That funeral was filmed and remains available online. It's a moment etched in our family history—a reminder of both the heartache we've known and the serious moral decisions we've had to face.

**CHAPTER 5: Our Move to Fareham**

Looking back, one of the key turning points in our family life came in 1987, when we made the move from Luton to Fareham. At the time, we weren't able to sell our house in Luton, which meant I had to live apart from the family for about 18 months. During that time, I was in lodgings on my own, and I must confess, it was a spiritually barren season.

I turned away from the Lord in unbelief. Slowly but surely, my spiritual life withered. And as is often the case, it wasn't just me who was affected—your mother drifted too. Eventually, I fell into sin and committed adultery. That broke our marriage.

It remains one of my deepest regrets. I speak now as a man who has known first-hand the damage sin can do—to one's soul, to one's family, to one's walk

with God.

**Restoration and Change**

In 1993, at the end of my tether and burdened by guilt, I cried out to the Lord for mercy. And He heard me. By grace, He granted me repentance and drew me back to Himself. It was the beginning of a slow restoration.

By then, your mother had moved on with her life. She was engaged to Tony, and I later married Helen. Things were never the same again, but I thank God that He gave me another grace to rebuild that which I had lost. however imperfectly.

I do not recount these things to wallow in shame, but to be honest. Transparency and truth are part and parcel of what it means to walk in the light. I share it all in greater detail in my book T*he Fall: Desperation and Recovery.*

**CHAPTER 6: The Knowledge of Michael's Conversion**

It was in 2001 that I learned, with great joy, about your Uncle Michael's conversion to faith in Christ. He had been in prison in the Philippines, and it was in 1999 that he turned to the Lord.

That news stirred something within me. I felt it was time to share our story—mine and Michael's—so others might know the grace of God that had worked so powerfully in both our lives. And so, I published *Converted on LSD Trip,* a book many of you are familiar with which is followed by new edition of *The Fall Desperation and Recovery.*

In it, I recount my own conversion—how, on 16th January 1970, in the midst of an LSD trip, I cried out to the Lord. That night changed everything. I saw the state of my life for what it was: disordered, rebellious, and headed for ruin. But God, in mercy, opened my eyes.

**Our Past Lives**

Michael and I had both walked dark paths. We were neck-deep in sin—theft, violence, immorality, drugs. It was the normal way of life for us back then. We lived without restraint and without God.

But by His grace, we were brought to repentance. That's why Michael's testimony matters. Even while still in prison, back in 1995, he recorded it. That video remains on YouTube today. If you haven't watched it, I urge you to do so. It shows how God had begun a work in his heart long before anything changed outwardly.

**After My Conversion**

Once I came to faith, I threw myself into reading the Bible. I wanted to understand who Jesus really was, what He had done, and what He called us to believe and live by. I longed to know what it meant to be forgiven, to be saved, and to walk with God.

**CHAPTER 7: Where My Beliefs Come From**

You may wonder where I get my views on moral conduct. Why do I say that things like adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bestiality, and paedophilia are wrong? It's not because I'm old-fashioned, nor because I was raised that way. The truth is far simpler: I learned it from the Bible.

**Where Does My Understanding Come From?**

All my convictions—on right and wrong, sin and righteousness—are drawn from Scripture. Not from the culture I grew up in, nor from personal feelings. The Word of God speaks plainly. It explains not only what is right and wrong, but why.

These things are not simply social taboos. They are spiritual realities. Behaviours such as sexual immorality, lying, theft, blasphemy, and hatred are not just harmful to society—they are offences against the God who made us.

**My Beliefs on Moral Conduct**

If you want to understand why I speak as I do, you need to grasp that I do so from a biblical foundation. The Bible teaches us to turn away from sin, not to embrace it or excuse it.

Of course, we've all sinned. I have, and I've never tried to hide that. But the

call of God is not to remain as we are. It is to repent, to believe, and to be changed by grace.

That's why I cannot affirm behaviours that God condemns. It would be a betrayal—not only of Scripture but of the very mercy that saved me.

## CHAPTER 8: Back to David and The Fisherman's Rest

Let us now return to the events at The Fisherman's Rest and the questions David raised in the aftermath. His concerns sparked quite a bit of discussion, not only on the night but in the days that followed.

One of the men who had been present at the gathering kindly sent David an email offering to discuss things further. I too did my best to respond in good faith. I shared with David several videos I had recorded over the years, each explaining my understanding of biblical morality, especially regarding marriage and sexuality.

### David's Satirical Response

David, in return, shared a video that took a rather different approach. It was a satirical piece suggesting that society should perhaps be more wary of heterosexuals than homosexuals. To me, it came across as dismissive of the seriousness of the matter. I understood it was humour, but I found it deeply troubling. I've wrestled with these issues personally, and to see them mocked in jest was disheartening.

### Public Post and Video Exchange

David later posted a clip from The Mash Report featuring comedian Catherine Bohart, titled "Say No to Hetero." The message was clearly satirical, flipping the typical arguments about same-sex relationships on their head to expose what they saw as hypocrisy.

In response, I posted my own video messages to David's social media wall. They included:

**The Death of Marriage playlist**

**A Change Is Gonna Come**

**Aslan and Same-Sex Marriage**

**Same-Sex Marriage 2 – David Clarke Senior**

These videos were created with care and conviction. My aim was not to provoke but to explain my views based on Scripture—that marriage, in God's design, is a covenant between one man and one woman.

**David's Disturbing Post**

Then came something far more serious. David posted a disturbing video showing a transgender individual being murdered and their body dumped into a wheelbarrow. Alongside it, he wrote something to the effect of:

"This person didn't live by your Bible's rules."

Then he asked, almost sarcastically:

"Am I going to hell for my lifestyle choices?"

I wasn't sure whether his tone was mocking, defiant, or a genuine cry for clarity. But I took it seriously. My heart was heavy. I wanted to respond not in haste, but with the soberness such a question deserves.

**CHAPTER 9: Why Did David Bring Christianity Into the Subject?**

David posed a question both profound and provocative: "Am I going to hell for my lifestyle choices?" He posted this alongside a shocking video depicting violence against a transgender individual and seemed to connect that brutality with Christian teaching on judgment and hell.

At first, I was puzzled. Why bring the Christian faith into such a horrific act, which clearly had nothing to do with Christ or biblical morality? But on reflection, I realised that what David was really wrestling with was the doctrine of divine judgment.

So let me try to give an honest, biblical answer.

My Answer to David on the Subject of Hell

David, and to anyone reading this: people are not condemned to hell simply because of a particular sin—whether that be homosexuality, adultery, or anything else. According to Scripture, we are already under condemnation. All of us. Not for someone else's actions, but for our own.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." — Romans 3:23 (KJV)

That's the human condition. The Bible is clear: we are born sinners and live out that nature. But, thank God, it doesn't end there. There is hope—real, saving hope.

Salvation is not earned, nor does it come by pretending sin is no longer sin. It is found in Jesus Christ, who died for sinners and rose again. Those who turn from sin and trust in Him receive mercy, forgiveness, and eternal life.

**We Live in a World Governed by God**

This world, despite all appearances, is not spinning out of control. It is governed by God's providence. Even when disasters strike, pandemics unfold, or evil acts occur, they are not beyond His knowledge or reach.

Take the coronavirus pandemic, for example. It may have seemed random or senseless to many, but even that pestilence was under God's sovereign hand. Psalm 91 says:

"Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness..."

Those who know the Lord can rest under His shadow. But those who reject Him remain exposed—not only to worldly troubles but to eternal danger.

**Modern Christianity Has Drifted**

Much of what calls itself "Christianity" today has lost its moorings. It often bears no resemblance to what the Bible teaches. The Apostle Paul warned of those "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (2 Timothy 3:5).

We mustn't settle for watered-down versions of truth or culturally convenient messages. The true Gospel confronts, convicts, and converts.

**Hell Is Real — But So Is Mercy**

Yes, the Bible teaches the reality of hell. But it also proclaims the richness of God's mercy. Those who call upon the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:13).

When a soul is born again by the Spirit of God, the things once loved—sin, self, and rebellion—begin to lose their hold. A new heart is given, and with it comes a desire to walk in the light.

**A Call to Fathers, Families, and Faith**

These are days of deep moral confusion. We need godly fathers, husbands, and leaders to stand firm, to teach their families the fear of the Lord, and to live by the truth of God's Word.

We cannot depend on governments, institutions, or shifting trends to show us the way. Only Scripture is a sure foundation. And only Jesus Christ can make us whole.

**CHAPTER 10: The History of David Jr. and James Gold**

Now we must turn to a difficult and delicate matter—the relationship between David Jr. and James Gold.

James Gold came to live at 8 Appleton Road as a lodger during a period when I was no longer in the family home, having turned from the Lord in unbelief. During that time, something happened between James and David—something I didn't find out about until many years later, when David told me himself.

At the time of the incident, David was only fifteen years old.

Some time later, I was contacted by Social Services. They informed me that James Gold was on a risk register and warned that if he ever visited our home at Hayling Close while Maisie was living there, they would have grounds to remove her from our care. They did not disclose the full reasons for this designation, but the implication was grave.

**Uncovering the Truth**

I wanted to get to the bottom of it. So I spoke to Joanne, who had been James's partner. She revealed that there had previously been an investigation involving James and her son Joshua when Joshua was just a young child. The police had been involved but could not proceed due to insufficient evidence—the child's testimony alone wasn't enough.

David later admitted to me that he had engaged in a homosexual relationship with James Gold. Though David said it was consensual, the fact remains that he was under sixteen and James was a fully grown man. In my view, it was a clear case of abuse—what today we would rightly classify as paedophilia.

**Reporting the Matter and What Followed**

I went to the police. But when questioned, David refused to make a formal statement. He insisted the relationship was consensual and that he was of legal age. That closed the matter, legally speaking.

But the truth, as I understand it, is that David was shielding James. Had he told the police he was fifteen, James Gold could have been charged and potentially prevented from harming others.

David's unwillingness to speak honestly at the time left me deeply frustrated—not because I held his past against him, but because an opportunity to protect others had been lost.

Feeling helpless, I sent word through Joanne that I wanted to speak with James myself. He vanished soon after, and none of us have seen him since.

The whole episode reminded me of what had happened years earlier with Ken Knight and our own children. Once again, the legal system failed to act decisively due to lack of direct evidence or formal complaint.

**Now Back to David**

In light of this history, it's easier to understand some of the things David later said—his anger, his pain, and even his provocative questions about hell and judgment.

But truth still matters. So does accountability. And while the past cannot be undone, we must learn from it and do all we can to walk in the light.

## CHAPTER 11: Other Responses to David's Question

After David posted his challenging questions about judgment and morality, I felt it was right to share with him some responses from others—not just my own thoughts. I sent him a reply that had been written by a fellow member of our church who was present at The Fisherman's Rest that evening.

### Church Member's Email to David

The gentleman began by clarifying that he didn't recall anyone saying, "Next they will legalise paedophiles." However, he did point out that there have indeed been pressure groups attempting to normalise such acts. In California, for example, there are movements that advocate for the removal of terms like "bestiality," and even support bizarre ideas such as "marrying one's pet."

He went on to explain that, over the past thirty years, there have been voices trying to separate the idea of paedophilia as abuse from what they call "paedophilia as love." It's disturbing, but real. Such people argue it should be treated like any other form of "loving" relationship.

The church member noted that this was similar to how the gay lobby originally advanced their position—quietly at first, then more boldly as society shifted. He pointed out that these trends don't need the dark web to be discovered; much of it is openly available and has been reported in the mainstream press. He mentioned a scandal involving a Labour politician's husband who had links to one such group.

He concluded by reminding David that Roman and Greek cultures also embraced homosexuality, bestiality, and child sex. It was only the Judeo-Christian worldview that stood against such practices. God designed the human body and mind for purity and righteousness, not perversion. And it is the role of the church to uphold that truth.

He finished with a sincere offer to talk with David—not to lecture, but to converse. He admitted David may have misunderstood or been upset by a

throwaway remark, but assured him of his prayers and continued hope that God would work in his heart.

**Message from Irene, David's Mother**

I also received a message from Irene, David's mother. She updated me on some family news—Esther had initially cancelled her Christmas plans but was now coming. Irene expressed her desire for David to come too, but he declined.

She then extended an offer for me to come and visit her, David, and the girls when the weather improved.

Irene's message took a different tone. She expressed her disagreement with my theological stance. She mentioned 1 Corinthians 13 and stressed that love, above all, should define us. According to her, love transcends biology, culture, and upbringing. She spoke about brain development and how scientific studies suggest that many behaviours are influenced by DNA and early childhood experiences.

She explained that some societies historically rejected homosexuality and disability due to their desire for population growth, not moral concern. In her view, the real issue is whether someone poses a danger to others. If not, then compassion and understanding should lead the way.

Irene also shared her personal reflections. She no longer believes the Bible is faultless, suggesting that much of it is shaped by historical and cultural biases. She said she prefers open-mindedness and honesty to what she described as Christian smugness.

And yet, despite our differences, she ended on a gracious note. She extended the hand of friendship and encouraged me not to isolate myself. She said, "Don't flog a dead horse," but added that I was always welcome in her home.

**My Reflection**

As you can see, the responses to David's question were varied. Not everyone agrees with me, and that's not surprising. What is surprising—and deeply saddening—is how few professing Christians today actually hold to biblical convictions.

Even so, I remain convinced that the truth of Scripture does not change with the times. And while I may stand in a minority, I will continue to stand.

## CHAPTER 12: Conclusion & My Final Word (Redacted Edition)

It is only now, as David seeks public affirmation for his choices, that the matter has reached a point of open contention. In my view, this reflects a wider trend in modern society—where behaviours that Scripture clearly identifies as sinful are now celebrated and protected from any challenge. For those who hold to the authority of the Bible, this raises a vital question: Can we remain silent when truth is at stake?

Sadly, many churches today no longer teach the biblical view of morality—whether it concerns sexual ethics, marriage, or leadership in the church. What once was understood as a clear moral standard is now blurred by popular culture, education systems, and even pulpits unwilling to offend. But silence does not serve the cause of truth. When clarity is lost, confusion reigns.

Those who know the Lord Jesus Christ have not only the right, but the responsibility to speak plainly—not because we are better than others, but because we have tasted mercy. I do not write as a man untainted by sin, but as one who has been delivered from it. I speak from experience, conviction, and concern.

Let me say clearly: mutual consent does not make an action righteous. That which is consensual may still be contrary to God's moral law. Whether in cases of adultery, cohabitation outside of marriage, or same-sex relationships, the key question is not "Did they agree?" but "Does this please God?"

I have spoken out about what happened between David and James Gold—not to shame, but to warn. I believe what occurred was wrong, even though David now speaks of it as consensual. Similarly, I raised concerns when Elly and her boyfriend stayed at my home, and their conduct did not align with Christian standards. These are not comfortable matters, but they must be addressed truthfully.

Even in church life, when congregations agree to approve what God's Word

forbids—such as same-sex marriage or female eldership—consensus does not sanctify error. Truth is not determined by majority vote, but by the revealed will of God in the Scriptures.

What concerns me most is that this erosion of moral clarity often begins with a simple phrase: "God loves everyone just the same." While the sentiment may seem kind, it can easily lead to the mistaken belief that God's love negates His justice, or that repentance is unnecessary. But the Bible speaks of a particular love—set upon those who are in Christ, chosen before the foundation of the world.

It is written, "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." This choice was made before they had done good or evil, according to God's purpose in election. The love of God is not arbitrary, nor is it universal in its saving power. Christ came to save His people from their sins—not merely to offer a vague affection to all.

He lived a sinless life, died a substitutionary death, and rose again in triumph. Through the preaching of the Gospel, God draws His people to Himself, regenerates them by the Spirit, and grants them faith and repentance. As it is written, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The grace of God leads to a change of life. It does not excuse sin; it breaks its power. Those who belong to Christ follow Him—not perfectly, but sincerely. They turn from their old ways and walk in newness of life.

This is my final word: I will not retreat from what I believe to be the truth of God's Word. Though the world may scoff and churches may falter, I will continue to speak—out of love, out of concern, and out of loyalty to the One who saved me. My prayer is for David, for my family, and for all who read these words: that you might know the truth, and that the truth might set you free.

**FINAL REFLECTION**

In the end, this book is not merely about one father and one son—it is about the great divide that runs through every human heart: the tension between truth and love, conviction and relationship, light and darkness. My aim has never been to win an argument, but to bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ—the only hope for sinners, the only path to peace, and the only

power strong enough to bridge even the deepest divide. I do not claim to have all the answers, but I know the One who does. May these pages stir the heart, provoke thought, and—above all—turn the reader's gaze heavenward, where mercy and truth meet, righteousness and peace have kissed each other (Psalm 85:10, KJV).

**AFTERWORD**

I have written this book not to condemn, but to compel thought, and to call back those who may have wandered far. My own journey—from rebellion to redemption—has been marked by pain, restoration, and the unwavering faithfulness of God.

If you, dear reader, are wrestling with these matters, know this: the door of grace stands open. Come as you are—but do not expect to remain unchanged. Christ calls sinners to Himself, and He alone can mend what sin has shattered.

My prayer is that you will seek Him, hear Him, and follow Him.

— David Clarke

**FURTHER PUBLICATIONS**

## LET CHRISTIAN MEN BE MEN

David Clarke

Originally published as *The Bierton Crisis (1984)*, this deeply personal and theological account traces the journey of David Clarke—minister, church secretary, and committed member of the Bierton Strict and Particular Baptist Church, a historic Gospel Standard cause founded in 1832.

This book documents a significant crisis that shook the foundation of the Bierton Church in 1984. As doctrinal errors and questionable practices crept into the fellowship, David stood firm in proclaiming the doctrines of grace—particularly Particular Redemption—and affirmed that the gospel of Christ, not the Law of Moses, is the believer's rule of life. His stance led to a withdrawal of fellowship, yet the church never terminated his membership, desiring his return.

David's testimony not only exposes the theological and ecclesiastical struggles within the church but also chronicles the unexpected closure of the Bierton chapel in 2002, while he was engaged in gospel mission work in the Philippines. Upon returning to the UK, he discovered that a new, unelected group of trustees had taken control of the chapel, denied his

rightful membership, and ultimately sold the historic building as a domestic property in 2006.

This book is both a warning and a call: a warning against doctrinal compromise and a call for ministers and believers to ground their faith and practice in Scripture alone—not tradition, not personal opinion, and not the fear of man.

*Let Christian Men Be Men* is an appeal to return to biblical conviction, gospel clarity, and godly courage—so that men may truly stand, teach, and live as Christ's ambassadors in an age of confusion.

## CONVERTED ON LSD TRIP

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# CONVERTED ON LSD TRIP

**David Clarke who had a three-year career of undetected crime, experienced a "Christian conversion" whilst suffering from the effects of LSD, he told Aylesbury magistrates, on Tuesday.** After wrestling with his conscience for a year, he confessed to 24 crimes, and gave information leading to the recovery of over £1000 worth of stolen property, in court

**was enjoying himself. "I used to sell drugs to young people, and indulge in permissive sex" he declared.**

**Seeking Truth**

**"Religion to me was rubbish, and for sissy people who could not stand on their own feet", he said.**

result of taking the drug, and went on "I warn any young person who hears my testimony, "The effects of LSD are so bad, and I warn you to stay clear". While in this condition he said he, "Called on the name of Jesus" and his torment went from him.

**Voice Of Christ**

"Jesus Christ spoke to me as clearly as I speak here today saying, "David, I am with you". he said, **"What you have been going through is nothing compared to what hell is like"**

Mr Murray, of Manor Crescent Wendover said he was habitually sceptical of sudden conversions, and preferred to put them to the test of time. The time, which had elapsed, since Clarke's profession of faith had convinced him, that this young man would now be salt and light to society". "He is in truth, a new man, and had experienced what Christ called a second birth". Murray said Clarke now put himself out to be of assistance, read the bible intensely, always carried a New Testament, attended a wide circle of churches and would spend hours in discussion on spiritual things.

**Difficulty**

Clarke's difficulty during the months spent deciding how to make amends for his past had been the problem of accusing himself, without incriminating others.

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**David Could these boys do any real wrong ? Michael**

he pleaded guilty to charges of stealing a £500 colour television set from an old peoples home, a £20 spray gun, and a hydraulic jack. He asked for 21 other charges to be taken into consideration, including, stealing a builders shed, two cars, and an electric arc welder, two other TV sets, two compressors, and a road trailer. Clarke (21) of Finmere Crescent said that **his reputation in the town had been that of a man who**

**"Within my heart I was searching for truth, and a meaning to life".** He had good prospects of getting on in life he went on but **"I was not satisfied with what I had. I was greedy, selfish and boastful."** Clarke had been using pep pills, and marijuana since he was 16 he told the court, but it was after taking LSD that he experienced what he described as, **"a major thing in my life".** He described the "torment" he suffered, as a

David Clarke

This book is not about drug use—it is about deliverance.

On the 16th of January 1970, during a terrifying LSD trip, I was confronted with the reality of my own sin and the judgment of God. In desperation, I cried out to the Lord Jesus Christ—and He saved me. That night marked the end of a life of crime and the beginning of a journey of faith, repentance, and transformation that would take me far beyond anything I had imagined.

At the time, I was virtually illiterate. I had left school with no qualifications, been sent prison in Dover Borstal, and lived in rebellion against God and the law. After my conversion, I taught myself to read using the King James Bible and classical Christian literature. That education shaped my mind and my convictions, leading me eventually to become a lecturer in electronics, teaching in colleges for over 20 years.

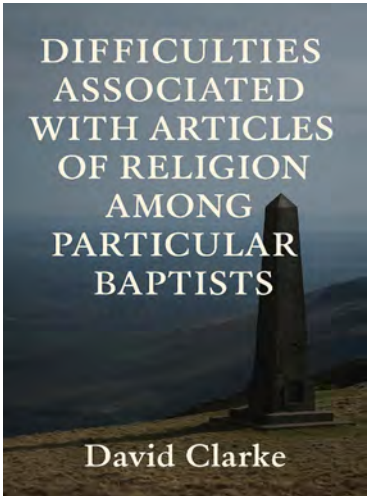
But the heart of this book is not about my teaching career. It's about the saving grace of God, the power of the gospel, and the reality that no one is beyond hope. It's a testimony for the broken, the backslider, the addicted, the imprisoned, and those who think they've gone too far. It is also a warning to any who treat eternal things lightly.

Though I fell into sin and unbelief again in the early 1990s, God restored me through repentance and drew me back as told in *The Fall Dspiration And Recorery,* Since then, I've sought to tell everyone—especially my former students and friends—that the Lrd Jesus Christ still saves. I write to you as one who has walked in darkness and has seen the light.

My prayer is that this story will challenge you to think, cause you to reflect, and point you to Christ. This is not entertainment. It is a declaration of truth. And the truth is: Jesus still saves sinners today.

## DIFFICULTIES ASSOCIATED WITH ARTICLES OF RELIGION

**Among Particular Baptists**




David Clarke

This book has been written for those who find themselves troubled, confused,

or even discouraged by the Articles of Religion—or Confessions of Faith—that are often required for church membership among Particular Baptists.

Throughout church history, believers have sought to express their shared understanding of the faith through creeds and confessions. While such documents can be helpful in clarifying doctrine, they can also become stumbling blocks when their language is unclear, their assertions go beyond Scripture, or when they demand an advanced theological understanding that many sincere believers may not yet possess. This is especially true for those new to the faith or those whose consciences are bound by the Word of God alone.

Drawing on personal experience, the author highlights the challenges faced when joining a Particular Baptist church, particularly in regard to conflicting or historically ambiguous articles of faith. The events surrounding the Bierton Strict and Particular Baptist Church in the late 20th century serve as a case study—demonstrating the real pastoral and theological difficulties that can arise when church membership is restricted by confessions that are misunderstood, misapplied, or internally inconsistent.

Yet this book is not a rejection of Articles of Religion altogether. On the contrary, it affirms their importance when rightly used. The aim is not to cast off doctrinal clarity, but to call for honesty, humility, and scriptural fidelity in how churches apply such confessions. The book offers a comparison of four historical Baptist confessions, discusses controversial additions, and explores how such documents should function in the life of a church governed by grace and truth.

May this book serve as a helpful guide to those who, with a sincere desire to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, wrestle with the tensions between confessional loyalty and biblical conviction. Let it also be a call to church leaders to handle such matters with care, patience, and a deep understanding of the Gospel of Christ.

**Isaiah 52:8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.**

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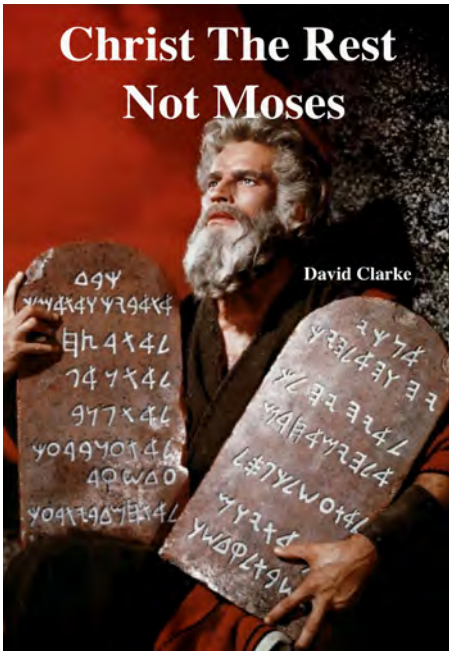



By David Clarke

*"Let us labour therefore… to enter into that rest."* – Hebrews 4:11

What is the true rest promised to the people of God? Is it found in observing days and laws — or in Christ Himself?

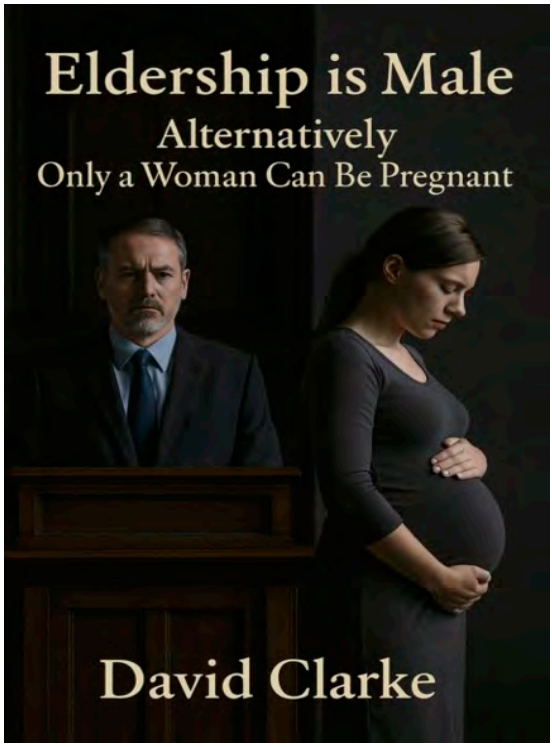
In this bold and thought-provoking work, David Clarke draws from Scripture and personal experience to confront a foundational issue at the heart of Christian doctrine: justification by faith alone.

Clarke, once rejected by a Gospel Standard minister over his understanding of Hebrews 4, writes not to stir controversy, but to call believers back to the simplicity and power of the gospel. With a serious tone, pastoral heart, and unwavering conviction, he urges readers to turn from legalism and shadows to the finished work of Christ.

Written especially for those who love the doctrines of grace, yet feel isolated or misunderstood, this book is a call to clarity, courage, and confidence in the rest that is found in Christ — and Christ alone.

This is not merely a theological issue. It is a matter of liberty, peace, and the very ground of our standing before God.

## ELDERSHIP IS MALE




**ONLY A WOMAN CAN BE PREGNANT**

Does the Lord Jesus Christ Want Women to Rule as Elders in His Church?
By David Clarke

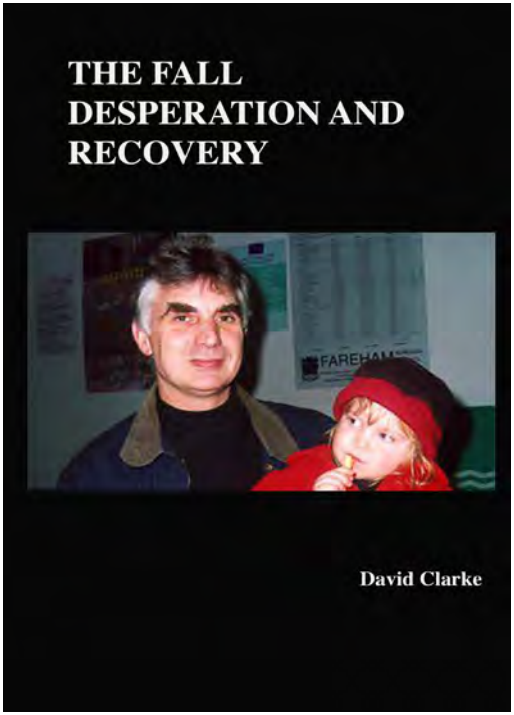
In a world increasingly shaped by cultural shifts and ideological pressure, the Church is not immune to confusion regarding gender roles and spiritual authority. In Eldership Is Male, David Clarke takes a bold, scriptural stand on one of the most controversial issues confronting the Church today: should women serve as elders?

Originally sparked by a real-life confrontation within his local church, Clarke documents his personal journey, correspondence, and theological reflections surrounding the attempt to appoint women as elders—an act he believes directly contradicts biblical teaching. Drawing from Scripture, historical context, and his own experiences, the author lays out a clear, uncompromising case for male eldership as designed by God and established by Christ through His apostles.

The alternative subtitle, Only a Woman Can Be Pregnant, serves as a provocative reminder of biological and biblical distinctions—truths increasingly denied or dismissed in both society and the Church.

This book is a clarion call for Christians to return to the authority of God's Word, resist the tide of modern compromise, and faithfully uphold the doctrines delivered once to the saints.

## THE FALL DESPIRATION AND RECOVERY




This is the true account of a man who once knew the grace of God, turned from Him in unbelief, and yet was mercifully restored. It is the sequel to Converted on LSD Trip and Bierton Strict and Particular Baptists, continuing the story of David Clarke's journey—from earnest Christian faith into deep spiritual darkness, and by God's grace, back again.

In 1984, David withdrew from the Bierton Strict and Particular Baptist Church over matters of doctrine and conscience. What followed was not the peaceful path he had hoped for, but a time of great affliction: rejection, depression, marital breakdown, moral failure, and what he later came to

understand as bipolar disorder. Like King David of old, this David also fell into sin, lost his way, and wounded those closest to him.

Yet the Lord did not let him go. Through years of wandering, the Word of God echoed still: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5). With brutal honesty and a heart humbled by grace, Clarke recounts the long road back—from despair to repentance, from ruin to recovery.

This is not a tale of self-help or self-improvement. It is a testimony to sovereign grace—that no matter how far one falls, the Lord's arm is not shortened that it cannot save.

"For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD." —Jeremiah 30:17